



## **Helena Vigilante Runners, Inc.**

*Promoting health, fitness, and community through group training runs, races, and events in the greater Helena area.*

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Greetings fellow runners!

Yep, it's that time of year again: summer is in the air, Phase II workouts are underway, and HVR is reaching out to its members in its annual request for volunteer and financial assistance. The club leadership is very grateful for the critical support HVR members provide each year, without which our modest enterprise would cease to operate.

Now in its fourth year of existence as a Montana non-profit, HVR continues to build on in its mission of providing high-quality training, educational, service, and social opportunities for Helena-area runners. Some of the club's recent activities and accomplishments include:

- continuing the popular "Speaking of Running" lecture series
- hosting a booth at the Independent Record's "Health & Wellness Fair"
- hosting the state meeting of Montana's RRCA-affiliated clubs
- advocating for pedestrian-friendly policies, and sound stewardship of trails
- presenting the club's first-ever "Volunteer of the Year Award"

These activities are in addition to the club's ongoing commitment to provide top-notch workouts, races, and "runner services" (a coordinated events calendar, website & listserv communication, permitted & insured access to facilities, portable toilet at Vigilante Stadium during the summer workout season, etc.). HVR also lends its volunteer, consulting, equipment, and financial assistance to a variety of other local events, including:

- Race for the Cure
- Governor's Cup
- Helena Elementary Area Track (HEAT) Meet
- Running Water for Helena
- Montana High School Association "7 of 7" and State Cross Country Meets

Once again, we're asking supporters to make a tax-deductible donation of \$10, \$25\*, \$100, or any amount they are comfortable giving, by sending a check to the address at the top of this letter (receipts for tax purposes are provided) -- or by bringing a donation to a Tuesday workout. Thus far, HVR has been able to avoid charging official membership dues, instead preferring to rely upon voluntary contributions. Each year, the club has been able to meet or exceed its fundraising goals, thanks to the generous support of its members.

We also invite you to consider helping out as a volunteer at one (or more) of the remaining 2012 HVR events:

- 47th Annual Augúst Road Race -- August 16 (Support the high school kids!)
- Vig Scrimmage X -- August 21 (Vig credit available!)
- 37th Mount Helena Classic -- September 15 (Be part of the tradition!)

Finally, please know that we value your feedback and ideas, and would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact any board member or attend any of our quarterly meetings (3rd Monday of Feb, May, Aug, Nov). Many thanks for your participation in the club, and for considering these requests. And best wishes for the remainder of the running and racing season!

Sincerely,

The HVR Board of Directors:

Patrick Judge (President), Jeff Thomas (Vice President), Carolyn Blasch (Secretary), Chris Colberg (Treasurer), Chris Beskid, Samsara Chapman, Mike Fanning, Tammy LaVigne, Erik Makus, Ann Seifert, Sarah Slanger, Scott Story, Demaris Taylor, Brian Wieck, and Todd Younkin

**\*New in 2012, contributors at the \$25 (or greater) level will receive a hot-off-the-presses "must-have" Vigilante bumper sticker:**

